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To explain and render more effectual an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the thirty-sixth year of His present Majesty's Reign, for the Encouragement and Relief of Friendly Societies.

Note—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the thirty-sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement and Relief of Friendly "Societies," reciting that several benevolent and charitable Institutions and Societies had been formed in *Ireland*, for the purpose of relieving by voluntary subscriptions and benefactions the Widows, Orphans and Families of the Clergy both of the Established Church and Dissenters, and others in distressed circumstances; certain Regulations were made for the benefit of such of the said charitable Institutions and Societies as should procure the Rules for the distribution and management of their Funds to be presented to the Justices of the Peace at any Quarter Sessions to be holden within the time limited in the said Act: Irish Act 36 Geo. III. c. for Encouragement of Societies, recited.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the benefits of the said Act to such charitable Institutions and Societies for the purposes aforesaid, as may have omitted to register their Rules for the distribution and management of their Funds within the time limited by the said recited Act; and also to such charitable Institutions and Societies for the purposes aforesaid, as have been instituted since the said recited Act, and as may hereafter be instituted; That it is expedient to extend the benefit of the said Act.

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Members of any charitable Institution or Society which at any time before the passing of this Act shall have been established, or which at any time after the passing of this Act shall and may be established in that part of the United Kingdom called *Ireland* for the purposes aforesaid, Charitable Societies for Relief of the Members of the Clergy, not having taken the benefit of the

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Said Act empowered to make Rules and Orders for appropriation of their Funds.

ſaid, to frame good and wholeſome Rules, Orders and Regulations for the management and diſtribution of their Funds; and ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations from time to time to amend and alter and to make new Rules as occaſion ſhall require, and as ſhall appear neceſſary to the majority of the ſaid Societies reſpectively at their regular public Meetings, or any adjournment thereof, ſo as ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations ſhall not be repugnant to the Laws in force in *Ireland*, or to any of the expreſs Proviſions or Regulations of the ſaid recited Act.

Such Rules ſhall be confirmed and regiſtered at the Quarter Seſſions.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That all ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations ſhall be exhibited in writing under the ſignature of the Chairman, Preſident, Moderator or Regiſter of ſuch Societies reſpectively, with all convenient ſpeed after the ſame ſhall have been made, altered or amended, to the Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices of the Peace aſſembled at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace or at any adjournment thereof in and for the County, County of a City or County of a Town, where ſuch charitable Inſtitution or Society ſhall be reſpectively eſtabliſhed, and ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations ſhall be ſubject to the review of ſuch Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices; and in caſe ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations ſhall be found upon examination by the ſaid Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices, either at the then or the then next ſubſequent Seſſions, to contain nothing repugnant to the Laws of this Realm or the expreſs Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act, ſuch Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required, to order the Clerk of the Peace to ſign the ſame, and to file a Duplicate of ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations, and to depoſit the ſame with the Rolls of ſaid Seſſions, in like manner as is required by the ſaid recited Act in other like caſes; and in caſe it ſhall happen that any ſuch charitable Inſtitution or Society ſhall conſiſt of Members reſiding in more Counties than one, then and in ſuch caſe all ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations may and ſhall be confirmed and regiſtered as aforeſaid by the Aſſiſtant Barriſter and Juſtices in and for the County in which ſuch Society ſhall be eſtabliſhed, or in any other County ſelected for that purpoſe by ſuch Society, and wherein any of the Members of ſuch Society ſhall reſide.

And thereupon the benefit of the ſaid Act 36 Geo. III. ſhall be extended to the ſaid Societies.

And be it further Enacted, That all ſuch charitable Societies or Inſtitutions for the purpoſes aforeſaid, whoſe Rules, Orders and Regulations ſhall at any time after the paſſing of this Act be ſo approved and filed as herein directed, ſhall be entitled to the benefit of the ſaid recited Act of the thirty-ſixth year aforeſaid, and of all the Clauſes and Proviſions in the ſaid Act contained, in relation to the appointment of a Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Truſtee or Truſtees, and to the taking Security from ſuch Treaſurer, and to the lending of any part of the Capital Stock or Fund of ſuch Societies or Inſtitutions on public or private Securities, and to the protecting, ſecuring, transferring or recovering the ſame; and the ſaid recited Act ſhall extend and be conſtrued to extend to all ſuch charitable Inſtitutions and Societies, with relation to the ſeveral matters before mentioned, as fully as if the ſame were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Treaſurers of ſuch Societies ſhall appropriate the Funds ſolely to the purpoſes of the reſpective Inſtitutions.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Treaſurer or other Officer entruſted with monies belonging to any ſuch charitable Society or Inſtitution for the purpoſes aforeſaid, to apply or appropriate any part thereof, under any pretext whatever, to any uſes or purpoſes other than the payment of the Annuities to the Widows, Orphans, or Families of deceaſed Members of ſuch charitable Societies or Inſtitutions entitled to the ſame, excepting only ſuch reaſonable ſalary for his trouble and expence attending the management of the Funds of any ſuch charitable

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charitable Society or Inſtitution repectively, as ſhall be allowed to ſuch Treaſurer or Officer in the regular ſettlement of his Accounts with the Members, Truſtees, or Governors thereof; and that any ſurplus remaining in the hands of any perſon, being ſuch Treaſurer or other Officer, after paying the annuities and deducting the ſalary and expences of management as aforeſaid, ſhall be added to and accounted for as part of the Capital Stock or Fund of the charitable Society or Inſtitution reſpectively of which ſuch perſon ſhall be Treaſurer or Officer reſpectively.

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